



First Westminster Presbyterian Church

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10:45AM

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Building relationships and connecting with others is important to us! We want to stay connected with those who virtually stay connected with us and also those who we see on a regular basis! If you could please scan the QR code above and complete the quick form, it would greatly help us as we update our contact information. Even if you believe we may have your information, please complete as we are cross checking what we have in Power Church. We thank you for all of your time, commitment, and support to First West!

We are so excited to share that we are now streaming our 10:45AM service in multiple locations of the church. For those of you with little ones, you can always catch the service LIVE on the television in the nursery located on the first floor. Also, the service is LIVE in the fellowship hall downstairs on the big screen. Also, our youth leaders have access to the service on a television in our Christian Education wing upstairs.

*To give to First Westminster online,
scan this QR code or go to
easytithes.com/firstwest*



The Church service is archived to our website

www.firstwestminster.org under the "watch" tab.

Stay connected with us on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram!

Love God Love Others

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:6

Colm Sellers

***HYMN**

"Blessed Assurance"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Loving God, we humbly ask for your forgiveness. Open our eyes and soften our hearts that we may faithfully serve you as we should. Fill us with the gift of love that we may love others.

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Friends, believe the Good News
RESPONSE: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

BAPTISM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:1-9

¹At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem?" ⁵ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.' "

SERMON "Do You Have a Green Thumb?" Rev. Jason Elliott

SPECIAL MUSIC Glory Dami

***BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING GREETERS: The Sutherin Family and Kayla and AJ Renner

CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are given in loving memory of Donald & Dorothy Wickham by Henry & Jo Kellermier and Family and in loving memory of Ralph & Avella Dennis by Henry & Jo Kellermier and Family.

MISSION CANS- This week our mission can donations will go to Soles4Christ. Last week's cans received \$84 for Church Youth Groups.

BAPTISM This morning Rev. Elliott will baptize Andi Monroe Watkins. Andi was born November 11, 2024 to Mike and Martina Watkins. Andi's maternal grandparents are Lori & Jeff Vinci and John Marko & Lisa Hixson and her paternal grandparents are Nate & Debbie Watkins. Andi also has a big sister, Cora. May God bless you always!

EASTER CANTATA & ELEANOR NAYLOR EASTER SPECTACULAR will be held Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. The children will present the Cantata at worship service and the Easter Spectacular will follow in the fellowship hall (GAR). Everyone is invited to join us for the Spectacular! Delicious food for all! Toys, games & prizes for all kids! And a special visitor may hop by!

WRAPPED CANDY NEEDED We are collecting **CANDY** to stuff into plastic eggs for our Eleanor Naylor Easter Spectacular on Palm Sunday, April 13, which will be held after the Children's Cantata. We are also collecting candy to fill eggs to donate to Steubenville Parks & Rec.'s Easter Egg Hunt on April 5. Please have all candy here by Sunday, April 6th. A donation box is in the sanctuary.

SPRING NEW MEMBER'S CLASS For those interested in becoming members of First Westminster Presbyterian Church, classes will be held in the fellowship room at 9:15am March 30. Breakfast is provided. Family members are welcome. Let Jason know if you are interested or if you have any questions.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES Men's bible study begins at 10 am in the Café. Bible Study for men and women is from 7–8 pm. We hope you will join us.

EASTER LILIES IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF OUR LOVED ONES Forms are in the bulletin to order lilies. The cost is \$15 per plant. The lilies will adorn our sanctuary Easter morning, and is yours to take home following the service on Easter. Forms need to be into the office no later than Sunday, April 13.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING If you would like to participate in our world-wide mission you may get more info and offering envelopes on the table at the front of church near the lollipop cross.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - *Anniversaries:* Alex & Susie DiFabbio (3/24), *Birthdays:* Blanche Williams (3/24), Becky Salonica (3/25), Reggie Miles (3/26), Lesa Thermes-Costlow (3/26), Laurie Sutherin (3/28), Melanie DiCarlo (3/30), Kelsie Granatir (3/30), William Sutherin (3/30) and Jona Parikakis (3/31).